## **VERIFICATION BEST PRACTICES SCHEDULE**

PHASE I: Prepare	PHASE 2: Calculate and Select Applications	
September – October I	Starts October I	
Study up on Verification  Review the Online Training: Verification Review. Review the USDA Student Eligibility Manual for School Meals (Chapter 4 begins Verification guidance)  PREPARE Review the ADE Verification Webpage. Complete/Review the Student Eligibility Checklist. Conduct Direct Certification again (best to find all matches before Verification!). Use Verification Counting Cheat Sheet and count number of paper applications on file as of Oct 1st: Categorically free applications (Case number, Foster) Free by income applications Reduced by income applications Did NOT count any applications for students that were Directly Certified Did NOT count any applications that have been copied Did NOT count any applications that are incomplete (missing total household members, signature, etc.)	CALCULATE  ☐ Review the Verification Non-Response Rate Report  • If your LEA is highlighted in green, you qualify for administrative relief and can choose any sampling method.  • If you are not highlighted in green, use Standard sampling.  ☐ Does your Sponsor qualify for Administrative Relief (green)? (yes or no)  ☐ Choose sampling method (Circle the method you plan to use):  • Standard or Alternate 1 or Alternate 2  ☐ Use ADE Verification Calculator online to determine how many applications need to be selected for Verification. (In the calculator, select a sampling method and enter the total number of applications on file as of Oct. 1. The calculator will automatically round up to correct sample size).  SELECT APPLICATIONS  ☐ Randomly select the correct number of applications provided by the ADE Verification Calculator.  ☐ Applications selected are error prone (if Standard or Alternate 2).	
*If you need assistance with calculating how many applications should be verified, sign	up for the ADE Drop-in Workshop: Preparing for Verification offered o	n October 1, 7, 8, and 9!
PHASE 3: Verify		PHASE 4: Report
October – November 15		November 16 – February I
VERIFICATION ACTIVITES- October 1- November 15  ☐ Print and attach a Verification Tracking Form for each application being verified. Follow the steps on the Verification Tracking Form for each application selected.  ■ Conduct Confirmation Review.  ■ Run Direct Verification.  ■ If household did not match in Direct Verification, send a Notice of Verification to household, review documentation submitted by household and send a Letter of Verification Results.	<ul> <li>END OF VERIFICATION- November 15</li> <li>All Verification Activities must be completed.</li> <li>Verification is complete when: <ul> <li>Household is matched on Direct Verification.</li> <li>Household responded, received documentation that confirmed eligibility. Verification is complete</li> <li>Household responded, received documentation that changed. Verification is complete when Letter of Verification Results is sent to household.</li> <li>Household did not respond - Verification is complete when Letter of Verification Results is sent to household.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	REPORT  Begin CNP Verification Summary Report (Part I and Part II) in Common Logon.  Submit CNP Verification Report to ADE no later than February 1.  *If you need assistance submitting your CNP Verification Report, sign up for the ADE Drop-in Workshop: Submitting the Verification Report offered on December 7, 10 and January 7, 14, 21!